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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT: Covelli CONFIRMATION No.: 1368

SERIAL NUMBER: 10/523,618 EXAMINER: Jonathan R. Stroud

FILING **D**ATE: April 25, 2006 **ART UNIT**: 3774

FOR: IN-VITRO METHOD FOR THE PRODUCTION OF A HOMOLOGOUS STENTED

TISSUE-ENGINEERED HEART VALVE

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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension of time to respond to the Final Office Action mailed on January 25, 2008 in the above-identified application. With this extension, the response is due on or before July 25, 2008.

Applicants hereby authorize the Commissioner to charge \$525.00 payment of the fee required by 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a)(3). Applicant believes no further fee is due at this time; however, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. **50-0311**, Reference No. **28558-501 NATL**.

Respectfully submitted,

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